

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): It is being fulfilled.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know the period of the contract?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): One year from June last.

Payment of Excise Revenue to the Edapalli and other Chiefs.

323. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount is being paid per annum to the Chiefs of Edapalli, Poonjar and Kilimanoor by way of or in substitution for excise revenue, and the amount, if any, so paid to each; and

(b) the principle underlying in or the reason for such payment?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (a) A statement giving the required information is laid on the table.

(b) The payments are made purely as a matter of grace.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government the reasons that weighed with them for making these payments to the respective chiefs, as against the practice in previous years?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): No special reason can be assigned for that; it was done purely as a matter of grace.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know why the Government have departed from the practice followed in the previous years?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): I have already answered that question. The territories belong to them. It is done purely as a matter of grace.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know why such payments are not made to the Vanjipuzha Chief in respect of tobacco and customs revenue?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): I claim notice.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): When were these amounts fixed?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Several years ago. I find a reference dated 1908; and it was reconsidered in that year. So, the payment seems to have been made even before 1908.

Dispensing with the services of a Police Officer.

324. ***MR. P. C. KURIYAN** (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Commissioner of Police has recommended to Government that the services of any Police Officer should be dispensed with immediately;

(b) if so, the name and the grade of such officer; and

(c) the reasons which the Commissioner of Police has given for such recommendations?

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MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): (a) No.

(b) and (c) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the services of any officer or officers of the department whose services were recommended to be dispensed with on a previous occasion, were dispensed with recently by Government?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know the name of that officer?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): One Mr. Vaidyanatha Aiyar.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know for what reasons his services were dispensed with?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Habitual misconduct and misbehaviour.

Police officers.

325. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number and names of Police officers whose conduct is being investigated by Government at present?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): The information required cannot be divulged in the public interests.

Unfit officers in the Police Department.

326. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any officer in the Police Department who is physically and mentally unfit for the place he holds;

(b) whether it is a fact that a very responsible officer in the department has defective vision and memory; and

(c) whether it is a fact that a very responsible officer in the department does not possess the minimum physical dimensions necessary for service in the department?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) One District Superintendent of Police is a little short of stature.

Police officer who is a religious head.

327. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any officer in the Police Department who is the head of any religious organisation either in Travancore or outside?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): No.

The Indian Rubber Licensing Committee.

328. *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of members constituting the Indian Rubber Licensing Committee;